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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Dena Schmidt  
Administrator

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Nevada Commission on Aging  
(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

**Date and Time of Meeting:**  
January 11, 2021  
1:00 pm until adjournment

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Dena Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

#### **Members Present:**

Dena Schmidt  
Jeff Klein  
Barry Gold  
Mary Liveratti  
Leilani Kimmel Dagostino  
Niki Rubarth  
Lisa Erquiaga  
Esther Gregurek

#### **Members Absent:**

Stan Lau  
Daniel Corona  
Senator Chris Brooks  
Assemblywoman Susan Martinez  
(2) vacant positions – Governing Body of a County

#### **Staff:**

Miles Terrasas, Executive Assistant, ADSD

### **2. Public Comment** – No public comment.

(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

### **3. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting**

Jeff Klein moved to approve the minutes. Mary Liveratti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Legislative Subcommittee Recommendation: Review and approve Virtual Senior Day format and content.**

Mr. Klein and Mr. Gold reviewed the format and content. See [Attachment A](#)

Mr. Gold discussed the uncertainty of the legislative session and if the session will be virtual or in person. He explained the proposed format came from a very successful lobby day that another AARP state had, with doing two separate sessions to allow for more to join. The purpose in previous years was to let the legislators know what the issues are and to get older adults involved. How can we get them on board? We will invite the Minority Leaders and Majority Leaders from both houses to let them know the important issues. Mr. Gold requested all to send the invitation to their list of participants to get as many involved as possible on Senior Day and to let older adults know who their legislators are. Ms. Liveratti and Mr. Gold discussed virtual formats including scheduling appointments via Zoom to connect legislators with their constituents.

Ms. Liveratti stated legislators must have a way for constituents to contact them. Is it by email?

Mr. Gold responded it is via email and telephones. Ms. Liveratti stated she is attending a group that is talking about the session and they are going to have some legislators there and will find out more information.

Mr. Klein tried to get a date early in the session. The goal this year is to schedule in late March, early April, to let the session unfold a bit.

Mr. Gold stated he saw in an article that Senator Brooks is the new Chair of the Finance Committee and stated any bill with a fiscal note will not pass, so it will be interesting to see what passes.

Ms. Liveratti asked if the legislature released the 120-day calendar yet? Ms. Schmidt and other members provided calendar dates and information.

Ms. Rubarth thanked everyone for the information and willingness to find alternative ways to bring seniors together. She added they are planning something along the same lines at the Alzheimer's Association and will try to schedule in person meetings. More information will be shared as it becomes available, and she would love for everyone to join. The policy team is holding a virtual session on the new Congress called "Paving the Way" on January 21<sup>st</sup>. It will include issues that affect those with Alzheimer's and

dementia and their caregivers and what congress will be working on in the upcoming year.

Mr. Gold moved to approve the virtual lobby day format to include administrative support from either ADSD or other entities involved. Ms. Liveratti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Review, discuss, and approve tentative agenda for the next meeting.**

Ms. Liveratti would like an update on the vaccine rollout, specifically for seniors.

Mr. Gold stated Immunize Nevada has a taskforce which is an information distribution task force instead of a policy taskforce, but they have meetings most Tuesdays at 6:00pm. They provide information on what is happening. Anyone can join those meetings and it is great information.

Mr. Klein spoke of federal plans and the transition teams plans to address issues on this topic. He added Nevada Senior Services have applied to be a vaccine provider for vulnerable seniors and are encouraging other agencies to do the same.

Ms. Liveratti is interested in and how they are going to inform seniors on where to go and what the process will be.

Ms. Schmidt stated the Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) reached out to collaborate on the communication planning and it will be very similar to other states, regarding an appointment will be required and certain age groups will receive the vaccine during their scheduled week.

Ms. Erquiaga stated Churchill county is vaccinating 75 + only, first come first serve, Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the county fairgrounds. The hospital is also doing 75 + by appointment at the hospital on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and they are vaccinating educators on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kimmel Dagostino provided information on the Metro Police Department vaccination schedule.

Mr. Gold stated getting information to seniors is the biggest issue along with transportation. Mr. Klein stated three or four states started having vaccine providers ride along with meals on wheels providers.

**6. Next Meeting Date – February 10, 2021**

**7. Public Comment – No public comment.**

**8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.**